

The regular session meeting of the Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers and Speech-Language Pathologists was held on July 16, 2020, via teleconference. The regular session Board meeting came to order at 4:09 p.m.

Staff Present

Candace G. Robinson, Executive Director
Bethan Haaga, AAG Board Counsel
Zoann Mouzone, Administrative Specialist III
Monica Wright, Office Secretary III
Lillian Reese, Legislative Coordinator
Kim Link, Executive Director Liaison

Absent Staff

Visitors

None

Present Members

Dr. Stacey Samuels Cole, Vice Chair
Dr. Tinita Kearney, SLP
Mr. John Rouse, CON
Mr. George Sheckells, HAD
Dr. Barbara McLendon, AUD
Ms. Carolyn Stine, SLP
Mr. Kim Keller, HAD
Mr. Richard Brisbane, HAD
Ms. Ellen Stein, CON
Ms. Jill Silverman, SLP
Dr. Carrie Nieman, MD
Dr. Tam Nguyen, MD

Absent Members

Dr. Jennifer L. Mertes, Chair

Agenda Review and Approval for July, 2020

Dr. Kearney motioned to approve the agenda. Dr. McClendon seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Minutes Approval for July 16, 2020

Ms. Stine motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Rouse seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Minutes Review and Approval for June 18, 2020

Mr. George Sheckells motioned to approve minutes. Dr. Barbara McClendon seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Regulatory Review

Dr. Robinson stated that we need more feedback for the proposed regulatory changes. There were just a few changes made to the proposed statute since last reviewed by the Board. Dr. Robinson gave a brief summary of the changes made. Ms. Carolyn Stine made a motion to approve the changes to statutes. Mr. John Rouse seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Board Counsel Report

None

Executive Director's Report - Dr. Candace G. Robinson

Dr. Robinson welcomed our new Board members, Dr. Barbara McLendon, AUD (reappointed), Ms. Jill Silverman, SLP and Mr. Richard Brisbane, HAD. She also reported that the practical hearing aid dispenser (HAD) exams were approved to be given offsite. Mr. George Sheckells offered to have the HAD exams at his office on August the 20, 2020. The cutoff date to receive applications at Board office was discussed and Board

Counsel Bethan Haaga informed the Board that, according to COMAR, changes can be made to the application to state a cutoff date for applications to be received, to help ensure review and approval at the upcoming Board meeting. Dr. Robinson will write a statement to put on the application so it can be voted on at the next Board meeting. Dr. Robinson also advised that the Compliance Officer/Deputy Director interviews are going to take place on July 27th. There will be three people on the panel and there are five applicants to interview. The new person will be handling several duties for the Board including all things compliance related.

Treasurer's Report - Dr. Candace Robinson

Dr. Robinson reported that as of end June our budget is 435,134.13.

Chair Report- Dr. Stacey Samuels Cole - Vice Chair

None

Committee Recommendations:

License number count per Profession-

Ms. Zoann Mouzone reported as of July 15, 2020 there were 4,123 SLP, 225 SLP-LL, 773 SLP-A, 514 AUD, 1 AUD-LL, 110 HAD, 25 HAD-LL, the total 2074.

License Applications for Board approval -

Mr. George Sheckells made a motion to approve all licensees reviewed and deemed complete by Board staff. Mr. Kim Keller seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

CEU Applications for Board approval -

Mr. George Sheckells made a motion to approve all CEU's. Dr. Barbara McLendon seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Correspondence & F.Y.I

None

Next Board Meeting – August 20, 2020

Adjournment

Mr. Kim Keller made a motion to adjourn the regular session of the Board meeting. Dr. Barbara McLendon seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The regular session meeting ended at 5:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Samuels Cole, Au.D.
Vice Chair